

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Workforce Training and Economic Development Funds - Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose

Each community college has a Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund that was established to receive funding from state, federal, and private sources. The Funds are administered by the Department of Education and used to support a variety of job training and retraining programs, as well as career academies for high school students. At least 70.0% of the funds must be used on projects in the areas of advanced manufacturing, information technology and insurance, alternative and renewable energy, and life sciences, including biotechnology, health care technology, and nursing care technology.

Funding

Although the Funds were established in FY 2004, no state funding was appropriated until FY 2012. In FY 2012 and FY 2013, the Funds received General Fund appropriations of \$5.0 million and \$8.0 million, respectively. Since FY 2015, the Funds have received annual appropriations from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) in the amount of \$15.1 million.

The appropriations are administered by the Department of Education and allocated to community colleges using the formula established in statute for the annual General Aid appropriation. The annual appropriations are not subject to reversion to the State's General Fund.

The SWJCF appropriations include an annual allocation of \$100,000 to the Department of Education for administration of the Workforce Training and Economic Development Funds.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [260C.18A](#)

[281](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [21](#)

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More Information

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